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REMARKS

New claim 21 is added herein. Claims 1-21 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections based on Akiyama are now discussed. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a system bus to directly connect the engine control unit with the processor. The system bus is distinguishable from the interface 24 taught in Akiyama. As discussed at pages 1-3 of the present Specification, interfaces 14 and 32 are undesirable, and therefore, have been replaced by the present system bus. A resulting advantage of the system bus is shortened control time resulting in high-speed image data processing and printing. Present Specification, page 9.

New claim 21 is patentable over Akiyama at least due to its dependency from claim 1.

The remaining reference does not overcome these deficiencies.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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